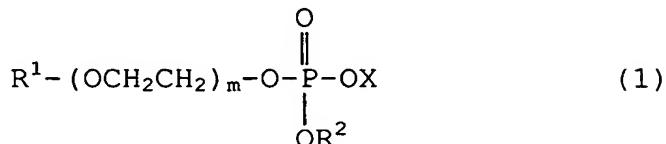


CLAIMS

1. A detergent composition comprising:

(A) at least one phosphate ester or a salt thereof represented by the following formula (1):

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10 wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms, m stands for a number of from 0 to 10 on weight average, X represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, ammonium, a basic amino acid residual group, or an alkanolamino group having a hydroxyalkyl group of 2 to 3 carbon atoms, and R^2 represents $-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n-\text{R}^1$ or X, or a mixture thereof, and

(B) at least one glyceryl ether having an alkyl or alkenyl group of 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

20 2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said glyceryl ether, the component (B), is a linear or branched alkyl monoether.

3. The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said glyceryl ether, the component (B), is a monoether having an alkyl group of 6 to 10 carbon atoms.

25 4. The composition according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the monoester in said phosphate ester as the component (A) amounts to at least 65 wt.% based on a total amount of the monoester

and diester.

5. The composition according to any one of claims 1-4,
wherein in said phosphate ester as the component (A), R¹ in the
formula (1) is a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having
5 8 to 15 carbon atoms.

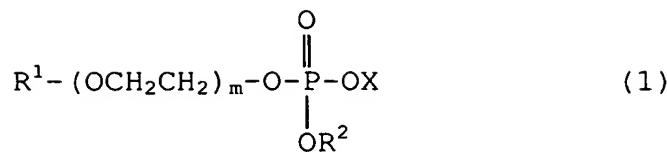
6. The composition according to any one of claims 1-5,
wherein the phosphate ester as the component (A) is a phosphate
ester having an α-branched alkyl group.

7. The composition according to any one of claims 1-6,
10 wherein the content of said component (A) is from 2 to 60 wt.%
based on the whole composition.

8. The composition according to any one of claims 1-7,
wherein the content of said component (B) is from 0.1 to 30 wt.%
based on the whole composition.

15 9. Use of the detergent composition according to any one
of claim 1-8 as a detergent for personal washing.

10. A method for enhancing foamability which comprises
adding at least one glyceryl ether having an alkyl or alkenyl
group of 4 to 12 carbon atoms to a detergent composition comprising
20 at least one phosphate ester or a salt thereof represented by
the following formula (1):



wherein R¹ represents a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms, m stands for a number of from 0 to 10 on weight average, X represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, ammonium, a basic amino acid residual group, or an alkanolamino group having a hydroxyalkyl group of 2 to 3 carbon atoms, and R² represents -(CH₂CH₂O)_m-R¹ or X, or a mixture thereof.